

**City of Hoonah**

**Letterhead**

June 15, 2010

Mr. David L. Shaeffer  
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Subject: Hoonah Bulk Fuel Upgrade Project – POA-1986-696-M2, Port Frederick Hoonah  
Marine Industrial Center – Compensatory Mitigation Project Report

Dear Mr. Shaeffer:

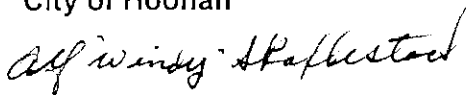
In accordance with Condition Number 3 of Department of Army Permit POA-1985-696-M2, please find attached a brief report documenting the cleanup effort at Pitt Island in accordance with the mitigation plan dated April 13, 2010. This Compensatory Mitigation Project Report contains "after" photos of the Pitt Island rehabilitative restoration compensatory mitigation project site. Please refer to the Applicant Proposed Mitigation Plan for "before" photos.

In early May, Hoonah city employees assessed the project area and disposed of the removable and burnable debris intruding on the aquatic resource, including portions of wooden boats and miscellaneous metal remnants. As shown in the photos, iron debris and engine blocks too heavy to lift and stow on city workboats was stockpiled for future removal. On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> the stockpiled material was removed from the site. The rehabilitative restoration compensatory mitigation project is complete and the City of Hoonah will proceed with the Work as authorized by the Department of the Army permit POA-1986-696-M2.

This project is an essential infrastructure project for the City of Hoonah that will benefit community members, as well as the environment. Thank you for your assistance with finalizing the permitting requirements for this project. Please contact me at (907) 945-3663 if you have any questions regarding the project, or you may contact Steve Stassel, P.E. of Alaska Energy and Engineering, Inc. at (907) 349-0100 for technical questions.

Sincerely,

**City of Hoonah**



Mayor Windy Skaflestad

Attachments as noted

cc: David Lockard—AEA, Heidi Firstencel—COE JNU, Steve Stassel—AE&E

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Hoonah Bulk Fuel Upgrade Project  
POA-1985-696-2 (M2)  
Applicant Compensatory Mitigation Project Report  
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Project Background

A request for modification of Department of the Army permit POA-1965-696-2 (M1), Port Frederick (Hoonah Marine Industrial Center) dated October 26, 2009 was submitted to the Corps of Engineers requesting authorization to place approximately 14,500 cubic yards of fill in 0.36-acres of tidelands for the City of Hoonah tank farm project. This action will increase the size of the previously permitted fill footprint from 3.8 acres to 4.16 acres. Compensatory mitigation for the original 3.8-acres of tidelands has previously been completed.

Additional information, including an Applicant Proposed Mitigation Statement and revised drawing exhibits, was provided to the Corps of Engineers on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. On January 4, 2010, the Corps of Engineers issued a 15-day Agency Coordination (comment) letter. On March 4, 2010 representatives of the City of Hoonah and the Alaska Energy Authority met with Corps of Engineers staff in Juneau to review the project and discuss appropriate compensatory mitigation for the project.

Subsequently, an Agency Comments and Applicant Proposed Mitigation Plan was submitted to the Corps of Engineers on April 13, 2010. On April 22, 2010 the Corps of Engineers issued the Notice of Authorization and modification of DA permit POA-1985-696-2 (M2).

Applicant Compensatory Mitigation Project Report

Hoonah city employees performed an assessment of the Pitt Island mitigation site in early May 2010 prior to cleaning up the debris field as initially identified by Mayor Skaflestad. The City has used locally available resources to remove the burnable and disposable materials from the area. See Exhibit 1 photos labeled "Hoonah Mitigation Project". Although the photographs are not specifically correlated with the "before" photos provided with the Mitigation Plan, it is clear that the City's mitigation efforts have resulted in a significant improvement to the environment. With the exception of the removal of stockpiled iron, a large boat engine block, and some large logs with cables along the High Tide Line (the logs are the property of the State of Alaska and may not be disturbed), the photographs document the project has removed evidence of recent human activity and cleared the beach of boat and other marine relics.

It was not practicable to safely remove the large metal debris from the Pitt Island mitigation area with only City resources. To complete this effort, the City of Hoonah coordinated with the pad construction contractor to access equipment necessary to remove the stockpiled iron from the site. On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Channel Construction and City crews mobilized to the site, removed the remaining heavy metal from the beach, and completed the compensatory mitigation project for the Hoonah Bulk Fuel Upgrade Project.

The City of Hoonah acknowledges that any future disposal of watercraft or other refuse along the shoreline of Pitt Island is not consistent with the City of Hoonah Coastal Management Plan and State of Alaska Coastal Management requirements, and commits to prohibit future disposal of watercraft and other deleterious materials within the remediated area along the Pitt Island shoreline.

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EXHIBIT 1  
Hoonah Mitigation Project Photos  
Photos provided by City of Hoonah



Figure 1: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010,  
Start of Cleanup



Figure 2: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010  
Cleanup in Progress, Woody Debris Burn Pile on Right



Figure 3: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010  
City Employees Gathering Woody Debris and Stockpiling  
Metal



Figure 4: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – Early May 2010  
High Tide Debris to be Removed

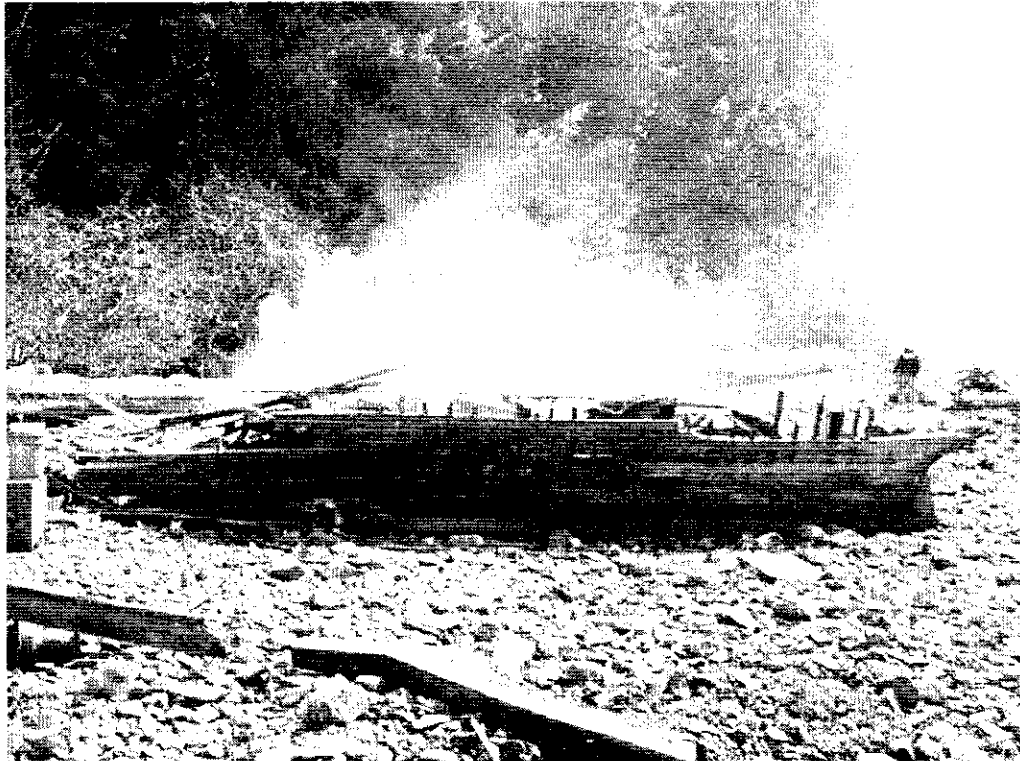


Figure 4: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010  
Boat Hull Removed From Shoal Waters



Figure 6: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010  
Razing Boat Hull



Figure 7: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010  
Relics, Woody Debris and Steel Removed from Site



Figure 8: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010  
Cleaned Beach Prior to Removing Final Woody Debris Pile



Figure 3: Pitt Island Mitigation Project Site – May 2010  
Stockpiled Steel and Iron to be Removed with Contracted  
Heavy Equipment Prior to Commencement of the Work